

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus, comprising:

an elongated arm having a first end, an upper surface, a second end and a lower surface;

5 a grip connected generally perpendicular to the upper surface and adjacent the first end;

a handle drum connected generally perpendicular to the lower surface and adjacent the second end; and

a protrusion connected generally perpendicular to the handle drum in a generally parallel orientation to the elongated central arm.

2. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the grip is rotatably connected to the arm.

3. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the grip is rigidly connected to the arm.
4. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a tapered end on the handle drum.
5. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a tapered end on the protrusion.
6. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the handle drum is cylindrical.
7. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the protrusion is cylindrical.

8. A belt winch system, comprising:

a belt winch having a winch drum, a ratchet mechanism connected to one side of the winch drum, an annular cylinder connected to another side of the winch drum, the annular cylinder having a series of apertures in the wall of the annular cylinder; and

a belt winch speed handle having a handle drum within the hollow interior of the annular cylinder, a protrusion connected generally perpendicular to the handle drum, the protrusion being held within one of the apertures, an arm having one end connected to the handle drum and adjacent the annular cylinder and a grip connected to another end of the arm.

9. A belt winch kit, comprising:

a belt winch having a winch drum with an elongated slot, a ratchet mechanism connected to one side of the winch drum, an annular cylinder connected to another side of the winch drum, the annular cylinder having a series of apertures in the wall of the annular cylinder;

a cargo strap adapted to fit within the elongated slot on the winch drum; and

a belt winch speed handle having a handle drum having a tapered edge and being adapted to rotate fit within the hollow interior of the annular cylinder, a protrusion having a tapered edge and connected generally perpendicular to the handle drum, the protrusion being adapted to fit within one of the apertures, an arm having one end connected to the handle drum and adjacent the annular cylinder and a grip connected to another end of the arm.

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10. The kit as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the tapered edge of the handle drum is adapted to pass by an inner edged wall of the annular cylinder as the handle is rotated along an arc during placement of the handle into the belt winch.

11. The kit as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the tapered edge of the protrusion is adapted to pass by an inner edged wall of one of the apertures as the handle is rotated along an arc during placement of the handle into the belt winch.

12. The kit as claimed in Claim 9 wherein the handle is adapted to be rotated as a single unit with the winch drum, the ratchet mechanism and the annular cylinder when the handle drum is placed within the annular cylinder and the protrusion is placed within one of the apertures.

13. An apparatus for rapidly winding a strap onto a belt winch having a strap drum and an annular cylinder having a series of apertures, the apparatus, comprising:

an elongated arm;

means for gripping the apparatus connected to one end of the arm;

5 means securing the apparatus within the annular cylinder to secure the apparatus adjacent the belt winch; and

means for securing the apparatus within the one of the apertures of the belt winch.